









"On the 6th day of August last I purchased from one Cheng Wing Shan seven shares in the above-named company numbered 3,453, 3,454, 3,455, 3,456, 3,457, 3,458, 3,459, and 3,460, and received from the said Cheng Wing Shan the certificates for the said shares and an instrument of transfer thereof duly executed by the said Cheng Wing Shan and attested."

"In or about the latter part of September, 1899, I handed the said certificates and instrument of transfer duly executed by both the said Cheng Wing Shan and myself and attested to by my assistant, Pang Shan Chun, and directed him to attend at the registered office of the above-named company and apply for the registration of such transfer. I was subsequently informed by the said Pang Shan Chun that he so attended and applied, but was desired by the secretary of the said company to come again after the meeting of directors had taken place at the end of the month. I was afterwards enjoined by the said Pang Shan Chun that he had again attended at the office of the said company in the month of October, 1899, but was told by the secretary of the said company that the said transfer could not be registered, as there were an insufficient number of directors in the colony at the time to consider the matter."

"I afterwards personally saw the secretary of the said company and was informed by him that the said directors refused to allow the transfer to me of the said shares to be registered."

"On the 27th day of November, 1899, I instructed my solicitors, Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, to write to the secretary of the said company and formally apply to have the said shares registered in my name, and they accordingly did so. On the 7th day of December, 1899, my said solicitors received a letter from Messrs. Deacon and Hastings, the solicitors for the said company, stating that the Board of Directors of the said company had decided that they were unable to approve of the transfer to me of the said shares."

"On the 28th day of November, 1899, I agreed to purchase from one Tai Yung Tak Tong, alias Tai Chuk Lam, four other shares on the above-named company numbered respectively 4,353, 4,354, 4,355, and 4,356, in the event of the said company not registering the said shares, which I was informed by the said Tai Yung Tak Tong he had offered to sell to the said company."

"On the 8th day of January, 1900, having been informed by the said Tai Yung Tak Tong that the said company had declined to purchase the said shares at the price for which he had offered to sell the same, I completed the purchase thereof and received from the said Tai Yung Tak Tong the certificate for the said shares and an instrument to transfer thereof from himself to me duly executed by him and attested, which said instrument I also executed myself."

"On the said 8th day of January, 1900, my solicitors, Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, who also acted as the solicitors for the said Tai Yung Tak Tong, wrote to the secretary of the said company, informing him that the said shares had been sold and transferred to me and requesting that they might be registered in my name. To this letter my said solicitors on the 12th day of January, 1900, received a reply written by the secretary for the said company, stating that the directors of the said company were of opinion that I was not a fit person to hold shares in the said company, and they declined, therefore, to register the transfer to me in pursuance of the powers vested in them in that behalf by Article 21 and 28 of the Articles of Association of the said company, and further stating that the reason for the aforesaid opinion of the said directors was that as I was a shareholder and largely interested in other insurance companies carrying on business in competition with the above-named company, it would not be for the interests of the said company to allow me to become a shareholder therein."

"I am possessed of considerable personal property in this colony, which fact is well known to every member of the said Board of Directors, and as I verily believe, my reputation among both the European and Chinese members of the community of Hongkong is irreproachable."

"Neither of them, the said Cheng Wing Shan and Tai Yung Tak Tong, is I am informed by them and verily believe indebted in any sum whatever to the said company, and neither of them is, I verily believe, in a position to assist in any way in increasing the prosperity of the said company."

"I have myself on many occasions given business to the said company, and there are no legitimate grounds whatsoever for considering the registration of myself as a shareholder in the said company as prejudicial to the interests of the said company, and I verily believe that the real reason for the refusal of the said Board of Directors to allow me to be so registered has nothing whatever to do with the question as to whether or not I was a fit and proper person to hold shares in the said company, but that the said directors, or some of them, are actuated by improper motives in refusing to approve of the transfers to me of the said shares."

"Several of the said directors are to my own knowledge, themselves shareholders or personally interested in other insurance companies carrying on business in this colony of precisely the same nature as the above-named company."

"The form in which the original transfers to me of the said shares executed by the said Cheng Wing Shan and Tai Yung Tak Tong were drawn is the form adopted by the above-named company for all transfers of shares in the said company, but I also hold instruments of transfer of the said shares in the form provided by clause of Table A in the first schedule to Ordinance No. 1 of 1885, which instruments have been respectively executed by the said Cheng Wing Shan and Tai Yung Tak Tong and by myself."

"Mr. Francis spoke at great length showing that the published articles of association of the Company, though perhaps not strictly correct originally, have been so long in operation that they are binding on the Company and its shareholders. He went on to show that by an article in the articles of association viz that shareholders wishing to sell their shares must first obtain the sanction of the directors and that Cheung Wing Shan and Li Yung Tak Tong had not obtained this sanction before the sale of their shares. Mr. Francis was not a valid shareholder and so not binding on the Company. The learned Counsel then narrated the manner in which the shares had been purchased, which according to the rules, was not valid. Continuing, Mr. Francis pointed out that the certificates by which the shares were held had been in the possession of Cheung Wing Shan and Li Yung Tak Tong and that it could be reasonably be considered that their consent had been obtained to the Articles of Association. Proceeding he showed that it was reasonable to suppose that the said Cheung Wing Shan and Li Yung Tak Tong had no intention of selling their shares to allow them to take option of purchase and that there had been a duly imposed on the directors to see that the intended purchaser, a fit person, to join the company. Mr. Francis contending this was for the protection and assistance of the company, but must not be exercised arbitrarily or capriciously. Their

disapproval of a candidate is not a question for the Court to decide upon, unless the opposition can show that the directors have exercised their powers improperly or with malice."

On Saturday morning Mr. Slade replied on behalf of Mr. Ho Tung. After first citing the ordinance by which, registered limited liability Companies were governed he showed that the Man On Insurance Company was not legally constituted and therefore their so-called articles of association were not binding, and if the whole articles were not then certainly one special article was not. He then quoted one clause in which the non-compliance with the letter of the law had set aside the article. Mr. Francis said that the rejection of these articles would have a most disastrous effect. The law provided for this and said that in this case the printed set of articles, which could be amended or altered to suit the requirements of the company would be assumed as the articles of the company. To show how important it was that this rule was observed Mr. Slade said that when rejected, doubts would be cast upon the validity of the resolutions that had been subsequently passed amending the original so-called articles. Dealing with the argument that the memorandum of association and the articles of association were attached, therefore, the signatures on the memorandum were applicable to the other document, Mr. Slade contended that a paper fastener, could not upset the Ordinance which said both documents should be signed. There had been no evidence to show that they had been originally fastened together, it might have been done at the Registrar's office. The learned Counsel then pointed out the discrepancy between the conditions on the share certificate and in the so-called articles of association. On the former the terms were that when a shareholder wished to dispose of his shares, he would first have to offer them to the other shareholders in the Company. In the Articles it said that the shareholder would have to obtain the sanction of the directors before he could sell his shares. Mr. Slade contended that both terms were made when the Company originally started and asked His Lordship to decide which one of the two was the correct one which inserted in the articles of association. Mr. Slade concluded by asking that the ruling of the late Acting Chief Justice be maintained. His Lordship said he would take time to consider and would reserve his judgment until probably the end of this week.

## CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

February 19th.

## CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD.

This morning at the Supreme Court the usual weekly Criminal Sessions were commenced before His Lordship Sir John Carrington.

Cheung Ping Nam was charged under three counts: 1. Obtaining money by false pretences; 2. Obtaining money under false pretences; 3. Conspiring to defraud.

The Hon. W. Meigh Goodman, Attorney General (instructed by Mr. Bowley) appeared for the prosecution and Mr. Slade (instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) appeared for the defence. Before this case was gone into the Attorney General said he had gone carefully into the case against Ip Wing Yung and Li Hon San, the former charged with bribery and the latter with rape in the New Territory, and did not consider there was enough evidence for a jury to convict. He did not propose to proceed against them. He would therefore ask His Lordship to discharge them either at the end of the sessions or else now by proclamation.

The prisoners were brought into Court and discharged by proclamation.

The prisoner (Cheung Ping Nam) pleaded not guilty on all counts.

The following gentlemen were called to serve on the jury: Messrs. A. Cameron, L. Rozario, P. Lawrence, W. Schmidt, J. Walker, H. Nether, and C. G. H. H. H.

The Hon. W. Meigh Goodman, Attorney General in opening the case for the prosecution said the first count was for a sum of \$4,353 received on the 2nd December, 1899 by the prisoner and a further sum of \$120 received by him and a man named Ng Kwai Fong on the 5th of December from a man named Ip Wing (the prosecutor). The facts were the prisoner heard that Ip Wing was desirous of obtaining premises suitable for a boarding house and so went to him and offered for a commission, to find a house for him. He took Ip Wing post No. 26, Wing Kai Street, and this, the prisoner said, he knew the rent-collector and so would be able to procure the premises. He shortly after received \$4,353 from Ip Wing on account of the money he was going to receive for procuring the house. Ip Wing wished to see the rent collector, but was equal to the occasion and took his friend Ng Kwai Fong to Ip Wing and told him that as the rent collector had gone to his country and Ng Kwai Fong was acting in his place. Arrangements were then made that the prisoner should pay \$5 for the first month's rent in advance and \$200 commission to the prisoner who gave him a receipt for the two sums. This was on December 30th and on January 1st another \$50 was paid and the prisoner agreed that the prosecutor should have the premises on or about the 10th of January. The receipts were taken back and a note written, on promissory note paper bearing a stamp, containing the stipulation that the prisoner should forfeit double if the contract was not completed. The prosecutor did not enter into possession on the 10th of January and Ng Kwai Fong had absconded. The prisoner, after the absconding of Ng Kwai Fong, came to the police station to enter a charge against him, but was detained and the present case commenced. The learned Counsel submitted that this was a part of the scheme. He was going to bring as evidence the real rent collector and owner of the house who would show that they did not know the prisoner and that the present tenant at No. 26 Wing Kai Street was a desirable one in every respect and that they had no intention of removing him. The learned Counsel before proceeding to quote law cases bearing on the subject, said it was his duty to open the case as fully as possible, the jury would have to find their verdict on the evidence alone if they had any doubt of his guilt, he (Mr. Goodman) would be the first to ask them to acquit the prisoner. He then proceeded to deal with the law bearing on the subject.

During his opening address the Attorney General was frequently interrupted by Mr. Slade who said that it was not right nor fair for the Attorney General when opening a prosecution for the Crown to speak inaccurately and attempt to gloss over the statements so as to prejudice the minds of the jury against the prisoner, more especially as he was aware that if (Mr. Slade) had any doubt of his guilt, he (Mr. Goodman) would be the first to ask them to acquit the prisoner. He then proceeded to deal with the law bearing on the subject.

His Lordship said he could not ensure the Attorney General, but asked him to carefully use his discretionary powers. The witnesses for the prosecution were then called.

## Case proceeding.

## ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

## 8TH CLUB RACE.

February 18th, 1900.

Course 8. Starters A class 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 B class 10, and 11. Wind, north at the start. The *Boreen* went off with a lead at the start, closely followed by the *Bonito* and *Maid Marian*, but on nearing the Channel Rocks the boats were becalmed for about 20 minutes. *Gloria* and *Zris* then caught a light south air and ran away to where an easterly wind appeared to be starting, and rounded the rocks well ahead of the rest of the fleet. The two second class boats had in the meantime caught up to the A class, and at the Kowloon Rock they were all in a bunch. *Gloria* was round first, then *Maid Marian* and *Zris* with *Melior* close up. When nearing Meyer's buoy, which is a fresh east wind would have a good time for the rest of the race, but it only lasted during the heat up to Channel Rocks the second time, where *Boreen* by a judicious tack to the north had got into first place, with *Melior* second and *Zris* third. At Kowloon Rock the wind was light again and the rest of the boat had closed up a bit. In the run to Meyer's buoy *Melior* went into first place, caught *Zris* and *Maid Marian* getting a fresh gale, caught *Zris* just before rounding. It was a drift to the finish and the following were the times of crossing the line.

| A. Class.                | Miles.  | Time to date. |
|--------------------------|---------|---------------|
| <i>Boreen</i> .....      | 4:37.7  | 40            |
| <i>Maid Marian</i> ..... | 4:37.49 | 39            |
| <i>Bonito</i> .....      | 4:40.56 | 31            |
| <i>Gloria</i> .....      | 4:48.37 | 0             |
| <i>Zris</i> .....        | 4:52.46 | 0             |
| <i>Chimblee</i> .....    | 5:00.00 | 23            |
| <i>Admiral</i> .....     | 5:00.00 | 0             |
| <i>Erica</i> .....       | 5:00.00 | 0             |
| B. Class.                |         |               |
| <i>Melior</i> .....      | 4:32.31 | 42            |
| <i>Pat</i> .....         | 4:47.48 | 4             |
| <i>Galle</i> .....       | 5:19.25 | 1             |
| <i>Ladybird</i> .....    | 5:19.25 | 1             |
| <i>Payne</i> .....       | 5:19.25 | 1             |

## WAR NEWS BY WIRE.

(From Our Exchanges.)

## In Parliament.

THE COMMONS. January 30th.

Parliament was opened by Mr. Gladstone, in the words from the Throne: "His Majesty, in the words from the Throne: 'Peace unhappily not restored in South Africa; otherwise my relations with other States are friendly. In resisting the invasion of my Colonies, my people have responded to my appeal with devotion and enthusiasm. The heroism of my soldiers, sailors, and marines has been equal to the British traditions. I am deeply grieved at the sacrifice of so many valuable lives, and have aimed with pride and heartfelt gratification the patriotic ardour and spontaneous loyalty which have been subjects in all parts of my Empire. I have come forward to the Commons to lay before them a statement of the progress of the war, and to ask for their sanction to the measures which I have proposed for the maintenance of the Empire, and the assertion of supremacy in South Africa, are victoriously completed.'"

Her Majesty then refers to the Federation of Australia, which is advancing rapidly to the Colonies and to the Empire. The brilliant courage and soldier-like qualities of the Colonial forces have earned high admiration, and I am much gratified at the proofs of loyalty and devotion to the Empire which have been shown by the Colonial troops and sailors. I have been deeply grieved at the sacrifice of so many valuable lives, and have aimed with pride and heartfelt gratification the patriotic ardour and spontaneous loyalty which have been subjects in all parts of my Empire. I have come forward to the Commons to lay before them a statement of the progress of the war, and to ask for their sanction to the measures which I have proposed for the maintenance of the Empire, and the assertion of supremacy in South Africa, are victoriously completed."

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said that, hoping for an ultimate settlement, the Government had limited itself to what it had been advised were adequate preparations to defend our South African Colonies.

In the debate on the Address in the House of Commons, Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, like Lord Kimberley in the House of Lords, sympathized with India in her calamities, and agreed as to the necessity of the vigorous prosecution of the war to vindicate the integrity of Her Majesty's dominions. He also criticized the unpreparedness of the Government. He repudiated the theory that criticism ought to be withheld until the war was ended and criticized the temper of the negotiations before the war. He dwelt upon the importance of the maintenance of good feeling with the loyal Dutch which, he considered, was essential for a future settlement.

LONDON, February 19th. During the debate on the Address in reply to the Royal Speech, Mr. Goschen said that the Admiralty was enabled to assist the Army without depleting the Navy. The drain on the troops of the country, he added, required the Navy to watch with the greater vigilance. Despite the satisfaction caused by the soundness of Mr. Wyndham's speech and the gravity and dignity of Mr. Goschen's utterance, the debate in the House of Commons is pusillanimous, spiteful and wearisome.

Colonel Sanderson (London) turned the Irish member on one occasion last night and a disgusting scene ensued, which was only closed by apology.

Mr. Birrell, in his speech, attributed the tediousness of the debate to the vanity of the occupants of the front bench who, he declared, were perpetually quarrelling for precedence and the best nights. He thanked God that the men who founded the empire did for something better than Government. He turned the error in underestimating the strength of the Transvaal to Mr. Rhodes' lie that Boer bravery was an unimpaired bubble, and he concluded by a loyal and eloquently rebuking the temper of the House.

Sir W. V. L. Macdonald and Mr. Chamberlain speak on Monday and Mr. Balfour concludes the debate on Tuesday. For the rest, the nation's mood is one of brooding anxiety. There is a sinister sense that some indefinable danger exists abroad and that the country is not prepared. Nevertheless, the episode produces enthusiasm. Mr. Justice Grantham, addressing the Grand Jury, condemned the pro-Boer sermon by the Dean of Durham in which that dignitary described the recent farewells to the troops as "disgraceful orgies."

Lord Salisbury, in referring to the subject in the House of Lords on Thursday, fully concurred that the sermon was an outrage on our devoted troops.

## NATAL.

## Plan to Flood Ladysmith.

LONDON, 18th February.

Despairing of taking the devoted town by assault, and impatient of the long and fruitless investment, the Boers, it is stated, are preparing to dam the Rivers Klip, with the hope thereby to flood Ladysmith and drive the besieged from the caves which have so long protected them from the shells of the investing artillery. The feasibility of such action was suggested some time since by prominent German critics, and was, even in the early days of the siege, attempted by the Boers; but the vigilance of General Buller and the Garrison thwarted success in that direction.

Boers Fear General Buller's Next Attempt. The anxiety of the Boers for the speedy fall of Ladysmith is prompted by the fear that General Buller's next attempt to force the Tugela will be more wholesale than the last, the lesson of which will assist the effect of his tactics.

Reason of the Spionkop Losses. At Spionkop the arrival of reinforcements left no room for manoeuvring, hence our loss was greater than it would otherwise have been.

More British Prisoners at Pretoria. It is announced from Pretoria that Captain Freeth and 200 Lancashire Fusiliers, who were captured at Spionkop, have arrived there.

Casualties at Ladysmith. A cablegram from the General of the Line of Communications to the Commander-in-Chief reports that the Ladysmith casualties on 13th January were as follows: Died of disease, 19th Hussars, Private J. Lenane, and King's Royal Rifles, Private H. Neville, Private J. Brogan and Private R. Bennett; 1st Devonshire, from wounds received on the 6th, Private J. Page.

General Buller's Hope. The Cape Town correspondent of the *Daily Mail* states that General Buller on Tuesday read to General Warren's force the Message of the Queen, expressing admiration of the troops during the past week. General Buller added that the men ought not to think their work unavailing, as they had gained the key of the road to Ladysmith, in which he hoped to be within a week.

Mr. Winston Churchill, in his despatch to the *Morning Post* says that his troops will try again, and that their confidence in General Buller is entire. Mr. Thorneycroft took command at Spionkop when General Woodgate fell wounded, and was responsible for the withdrawal of the troops referred to in a recent telegram. The Boer losses were comparatively greater than ours, and the enemy were too exhausted to harass our rear-guard in retirement.

The Whole Force Across the Tugela. A Maritzburg message reads that the whole force has re-crossed the Tugela River. The fatality list issued on Tuesday shows casualties from the crossing of the Tugela River to date as 600 killed and wounded.

Disappointed but Not Despondent at Ladysmith. The *Central News* Ladysmith correspondent says: "We are disappointed, but not despondent, at General Buller's failure. The Boers occupied and fortified Spionkop after the British retreat. It is rumored that General Buller is advancing by another route. The Boers are in strength around Ladysmith, and have formed a new laager at Colenso. Reinforcements are apparently reaching the Boers from the Transvaal."

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

Captain C. N. Cold, of the steamship *Annam*, from Shanghai, reports: "Strong northerly winds."

Captain A. Frapp, of the steamship *Hong Leong*, from Singapore, reports: "Moderate monsoon and fine clear weather from port to port."

Captain W. H. Lunt, of the steamship *Fushun*, from Shanghai, reports: "Fresh monsoon from port to port, strong and high sea from Tung Yang to Breaker Point."

## NOT AND A.

## CALENDAR.

FEBRUARY.

Meteorological means based on fifteen years' observations to 1895.

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|------------------|--------|
| Barometer.....   | 30.141 |
| Thermometer..... | 57.3   |
| Humidity.....    | 71.0   |
| Rainfall.....    | 1.76   |

## TO-DAY.

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| WEATHER REPORT.  | On date at 4 p.m. | On date at 4 p.m. |
| Barometer.....   | 30.25             | 30.20             |
| Temperature..... | 55                | 54                |
| Humidity.....    | 87                | 91                |
| Rainfall.....    | 0.11              | —                 |

## TO-DAY.

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| Monday, 19th February, 1900.                       |             |
| Chinese—20th of 1st moon of 26th year of Kwong-su. |             |
| Sun—Rises.....                                     | 6hr. 31min. |
| Set.....   | 5hr. 37min. |
| High water—Morning.....                            | 1hr. 32min. |
| Afternoon.....                                     | 4hr. 22min. |
| Low water—Morning.....                             | 5hr. 27min. |
| Afternoon.....                                     | 8hr. 42min. |

## ANNIVERSARIES.

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| 1473—Cape Verde Islands.  |  |
| 1817—Lord Amherst's Embassy, returning from China, shipwrecked in the Java Sea. |  |
| 1879—Salute of Mr. J. M. Farmer at Hongkong.                                    |  |
| 1894—The M. S. steamer <i>Saigon</i> wrecked near Palo Canbar.                  |  |
| 1897—Shang-Laxon, captured by the Royalists.                                    |  |

## TO-MORROW.

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| Tuesday, 20th February, 1900.                      |             |
| Chinese—21st of 1st moon of 26th year of Kwong-su. |             |
| Sun—Rises.....                                     | 6hr. 31min. |
| Set.....   | 5hr. 37min. |
| High water—Morning.....                            | 1hr. 32min. |
| Afternoon.....                                     | 4hr. 22min. |
| Low water—Morning.....                             | 5hr. 27min. |
| Afternoon.....                                     | 8hr. 42min. |

## ANNIVERSARIES.

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| 1893—The <i>China Mail</i> newspaper started.   |  |
| 1897—Duchess of Fife bore.  |  |
| 1868—Outage on Sir Harry Parkes in Japan.   |  |
| 1897—Aimed going robbery at 264, Queen's Road Central.  |  |
| 1898—Collision between P. & O. steamer <i>Borneo</i> and steamer <i>Tokyo Maru</i> in the Indian Sea. |  |

## AGENDA.

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| TO-MORROW.  |  |
| Daylight E. & A. steamer <i>Guthrie</i> , leaves for Australia ports. |  |
| Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer <i>Stentor</i> for London.              |  |
| HONGKONG RACES.   |  |
| Cargo ex <i>Glenriven</i> subject to rent.                            |  |
| Noni-Indo-China <i>Kimsang</i> leaves for Calcutta.                   |  |

## WEDNESDAY, 21st.

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| (About) C. & O. steamer <i>Belgic</i> , leaves for San Diego and San Francisco. |  |
| Imperial German mail steamer <i>Oldenburg</i> , leaves, with mails, for Europe. |  |
| HONGKONG RACES.   |  |
| THURSDAY, 22nd.   |  |
| Noon—T. K. K. steamer <i>Hongkong Maru</i> , leaves for San Francisco.          |  |
| Cargo ex steamer <i>Franz Ferdinand</i> subject to rent.                        |  |
| (About) P. & O. steamer <i>Canton</i> , leaves for London.                      |  |
| HONGKONG RACES.   |  |
| H.K.V.C. ORDERS.  |  |
| 3 p.m. E. Co. E. L. run at Lyemum, Launch leaves S. M. Pier.                    |  |

## FRIDAY, 23rd.

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| Daylight—N. Y. K. steamer <i>Wakasa Maru</i> , leaves for Europe.        |  |
| Queen's College—Term begins.   |  |
| 4 p.m. N. Y. K. steamer <i>Kasuga Maru</i> , leaves for Australia ports. |  |
| Cargo ex <i>Orango</i> subject to rent.                                  |  |
| 4.30 p.m.—Range Finding Class.   |  |
| 5.30 p.m.—F. B. Gun Drill at Head quarters and Kowloon docks.            |  |
| 5.30 p.m. A. B. and C. Co.'s Gun Drill at Head quarters.                 |  |
| 5.30 p.m. D. Co. Company Drill.  |  |
| 6 p.m. E. Co. Company Drill.   |  |

## SATURDAY, 24th.

HONGKONG RACES.

THURSDAY, 22nd.

Noon—T. K. K. steamer *Hongkong Mar*  
leaves for San Francisco.

Canton steamer *Erang Ferdinand* subject



## Intimations.

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending 31st December, 1899, at the RATE OF ONE POUND, and TEN SHILLINGS together with a BONUS of TEN SHILLINGS Sterling per Share of \$125 is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the Nineteenth February, current at the OFFICES of the Corporation where Shareholders are requested to apply for WARRANTS.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 17th February, 1900. [223b]

## THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a MEETING of the Board of Directors of the Company, held at the Company's Office, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Monday, the 20th day of January, 1900, the following Resolution was passed:—

That a CALL of One Dollar per Share upon all the holders of Ordinary Shares in the above Company in respect of all the Shares held by them in the above Company be and the same is hereby made. Such Calls to be paid to the Company at their Bankers, the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, at their Premises, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 31st day of March, 1900.

And Notice is also given that in accordance with Article 24 of the Company's Articles of Association, interest will be charged as from the said 31st day of March, 1900, at the rate of 10 per centum per annum upon all calls remaining unpaid after the said 31st day of March, 1900, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.

Shareholders are particularly requested to note that upon presentation at the office of the Company of the Bankers' receipt for payment of the call together with the certificate of the shares in respect of which the call has been paid, an endorsement to that effect will be made upon the certificate.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
W. H. GASKELL,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 30th January, 1900. [130b]

## HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 26th February, 1900, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1899.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to 25th February, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
THOS. L. ROSE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 30th January, 1900. [127b]

## THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, No. 4, Queen's Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th day of February, at 12 o'clock (Noon) to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1899, and the Report of the Manager and Consulting Committee and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 28th instant, both days inclusive.

J. WHEELER,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 12th February, 1900. [191b]

## HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company, will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, Pender's Street, on THURSDAY, the 1st day of March, 1900, at 12 o'clock (Noon), to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1899, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th February to the 1st March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.  
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.  
Hongkong, 30th January, 1900. [129b]

## THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 2, Commaught Road, at NOON, on MONDAY, the 5th March, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1899.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd February to 5th March, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 17th February, 1900. [224b]

## THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.

## THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 8th March, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1899, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th February to 8th March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 17th February, 1900. [221b]

## THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## THE THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

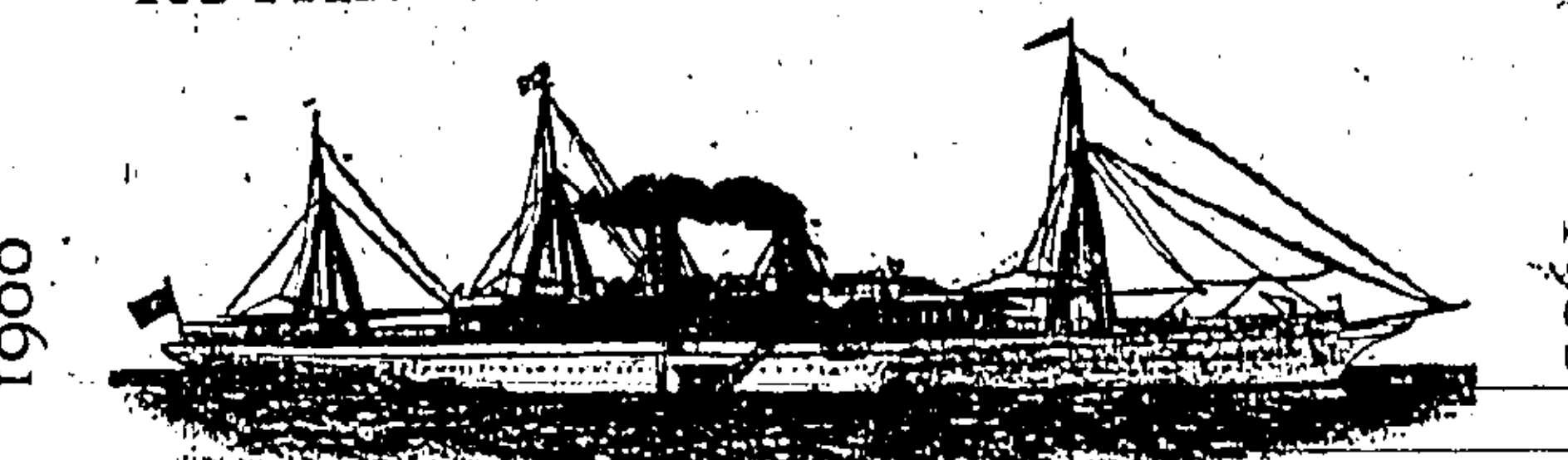
THE THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 8th March, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1899.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd instant to the 8th March, both days inclusive.

By Order,  
GEO. L. TOMLIN,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 9th February, 1900. [171b]

## Mails.

## CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.



SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.  
THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)  
Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPERESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 14th March.

EMPERESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 4th April.

EMPERESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 25th April.

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS TO A WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide, Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pender's Street.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1900. [3]

## CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON TOPEKA &amp; SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS, and HONOLULU, THE UNITED STATES, &c.

Belgian King ... 1,379 about Feb. 28

Thyra ... 1,406 about Mar. 6

Lady Joyce ... 1,406 about Mar. 31

## THE Steamship

"BELGIAN KING," will be despatched for SAN DIEGO and SAN FRANCISCO, VIA KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on or about WEDNESDAY, the 28th February.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages will be received at the Office until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, China and Japan.  
Hongkong, 17th February, 1900. [28]

## NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

## VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

ALSO FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by the Line, HONGKONG TO LONDON £47.

Excellent accommodation. First-class Tables. Doctor and STEWARDNESS carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK £41.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. THE YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first-class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA £28.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application. Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Portland, Or. (whichever may be the destination of the Steamer).

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1900. [4]

## THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

## STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS.)

## THE Steamship

"CLYDE," Captain E. Steel, carrying Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this Port for HONGKONG, &c., on SATURDAY, the 3rd March, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement), will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay with Transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1900. [5]

## OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

## VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Saturday, 10th Mar., at Noon.

Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Thursday, 5th April, at Noon.

Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Tuesday, 1st May, at Noon.

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 10th March, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

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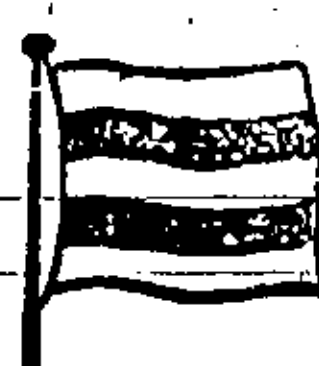
For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.  
Hongkong, 13th February, 1900. [6]

## Mails.

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



## PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS DESTINATIONS SAILING DATES.

WAKASA MARU ... { MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID. } FRIDAY, 23rd Feb., at Daylight.

KANBA MARU ... { MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE. } FRIDAY, 23rd Feb., at 4 P.M.

FUTABA MARU ... { NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKO. } SATURDAY, 24th Feb., at Noon.

MIKE MARU ... { BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE and COLOMBO. } FRIDAY, 2nd March, at Noon.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1900. [6]

## NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

(Freight Service.) (Freight Service.)

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT; BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS DESTINATIONS SAILING DATES.

ALLESIA ... BORDEAUX, HAVRE & HAMBURG. 27th February, Freight.

ASTORIA ... (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG) NEW YORK. About 18th March, Freight.

\*SAVOIA ... (via SUEZ CANAL.) HAVRE and HAMBURG. About 22nd March, Freight and Passage.

SAXONIA ... (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG) HAVRE and HAMBURG. About 31st March, Freight.

HEIDELBERG ... (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG) HAVRE and HAMBURG. About 6th April, Freight and Passage.

\*These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For further Particulars as to Freight, Passage, &c., apply to CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.

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## TOYO KISEN KAISHA. U.S. MAIL LINE.

## PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

## VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Friday, 23rd February, at Noon.

NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Tuesday, 20th March, at Noon.

AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Saturday, 14th April, at Noon.

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, the 23rd February, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.  
Hongkong, 15th February, 1900. [7]

## Mails.

## PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

## HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON, 1900.

## NOTICE.

THE Undermentioned Vessels will sail from CHINA DIRECT FOR

MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

## LEAVE.

STEAMERS. Port. Sail. H'kong. Spore.

Parramatta ... 4886 Mar. 27 Mar. 31 April 6

Massilla ... 5026 April 10 April 14 April 20

For Freight or Passage, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent, Hongkong, 4th December, 1899. [23]

## Consignees.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM LONDON AND STRAITS.

## THE Steamship

"GLEN TURRET,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional cargo will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 21st instant, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

All ship damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Co. within ten days of steamer's arrival, after which no claims will be recognised.

MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1900. [203b]

## THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.

THE Company's Steamship

"OOPACK,"



## THE COLONIAL SECRETARY ON MR. WHITEHEAD'S PROTEST.

(Continued.)

(Enclosure No. 1 in the Colonial Secretary's Memorandum of the 15th January, 1900.)

His Excellency (the Honourable J. H. Stewart Lockhart) said:—Now that this territory has been divided into districts and the sub-district Committee-men have been selected from the elders and gentry, I wish to meet you and to explain to you the principles upon which the government of this portion of the Colony of Hongkong will be conducted. I desire that you who have been officially appointed to regulate the local affairs of your villages, so that the people shall enjoy security and that there shall be no disorder. The Government has appointed officials who will advise you as to sanitary improvements in the villages so that the health of the people may be preserved, for the Queen of England wishes that all Her Majesty's subjects shall be healthy and prosperous. In giving you the position of Committee-men I rely upon you to discharge your duties in a faithful and upright manner and would call your attention to the fact that one of our most stringent laws is that if as much as one cent is taken from the people except the rates and taxes levied under authority the person extorting it will be rigorously punished by fine and imprisonment and be dismissed in disgrace from his position. I wish to interfere as little as possible with your good customs, but there is one principle of British law that must be observed. All punishment for injuries must be inflicted by the appointed authority under the law. Therefore in case of injury the proper authority must be appealed to and the punishment must not be undertaken by private individuals. The time has now come when all occupiers of land must register their titles with the Land Officer. When application is made giving the exact area of land occupied a notice will be posted in the village so that if another claims the land he can apply to the Land Officer, when the claims will be considered by the Land Officer. No certificate of registration will be issued until the Crown rent has been paid. There should be no delay in registering your titles. The occupier will, in the absence of another claimant, be accepted as owner, but if the person in occupation is decided not to be the proper owner the amount paid by him will be returned, and the rent will be collected from the person decided to be the lawful owner. A few days ago some ill-advised people assembled near Long and behaved in a riotous manner, assaulting a party who were examining certain lands. I warn you against such unlawful proceedings, as this was taking the law into their own hands. They should, if they objected, have applied to the Land Officer, who would have examined into the matter and decided upon their objections. Under the powers given to me by the law I would have placed a station of Police upon that land and compelled the villagers who created the disturbance to pay the entire cost of building the station and paying the Police. But I have determined not to do so on this first offence but to warn the people through you that such illegal rioting will be severely punished. I wish to prevent such disorder by giving timely information to the Police. If they do not prevent it, then they and the villagers will be held responsible. All persons of whatever nation must be free to move about without danger of molestation. You must understand from what I have said that clan fights cannot be allowed. The law is strong enough to protect the rights of every man, and must be appealed to in cases of dispute that cannot be settled by the local committees. I am sorry to find that robberies by armed gangs have been frequent, and against such violence you have hitherto been adequately protected. I have established Police Stations in different parts of the territory for the purpose of preventing such robberies and protecting your lives and property. Since the territory was taken over three months ago many of those robbers have been arrested, the stolen property has been restored to the owners, and a large number of the robbers are now in gaol undergoing sentences of imprisonment for five and seven years. I am determined that such robberies shall be put down and that law-abiding and peaceable people shall enjoy security that has hitherto been denied them. You have all heard of the cruel murders of innocent men that took place at Long in April last. For the murder of one of those men two of the principals in that brutal crime, after a fair and patient trial, have paid the penalty with their lives. I hope that if any bad characters remain in the territory they will take warning and cease from evil ways. I have directed that the law against gambling shall be rigidly enforced. The Chinese law against gambling is very strong, but the officials have not been equally respected. You have seen by my proclamation the amount of Crown rent that has been decided upon as the land rent for the present. In considering what taxes are to be levied on you you must remember that all the money paid by you to the Government is money that is paid for your protection and for the improvement and development of your property. The money paid for public works is paid to your own labourers for their labour and comes to the labourer in the ordinary course of business. Up to the present over ten thousand dollars have been paid in wages to the working people of this district and now that gambling has been stopped this money will be spent in the purchase of land for farms or of food and clothing from the shops, while the main road from Kowloon to Tai Po will enable the people to send in their produce to market in any weather. There will be a license tax on all business houses but you have been relieved from the payment of all customs duties and monopolies that raised the cost of everything coming to the district. They will all bring money and increase the wealth and comfort of the people. I know that many people from this district have travelled to other countries. They must have seen how capital employs labour and produces wealth. With the introduction of fresh capital into this district I hope to see one day some who are now driven to evil courses for want of occupation will be able to live respectably. I have appointed you to the responsible position of Committee-men because you have been recommended to me by your villagers. Do not forget that your responsibility is very real, as I look to you to preserve the peace and good order of your villages, and to report to the authorities all bad characters and persons who endeavour to stir up strife. With the support of the Sub-district Committee-men and the villagers I look for the firm establishment of internal peace and order, and if under that you shall be fully protected by the Government from any interference from without. I wish to add a few more words on the subject of land. It has been reported to me that as soon as the Convention between the Emperor of China and the Queen of Great Britain was signed certain people were induced to sell their lands at a low value by being told that the British Government would take possession of the land without payment when they came into the territory. I take this opportunity of telling you, the elders

and gentry of all the villages, that if any man has been induced to sell his land by these false representations and he is not satisfied, he can give notice to the Land Officer, who will not register the title until the real question at issue has been looked into and decided. I have mentioned all this before by proclamation, but I wish to emphasize it more strongly now that I see the gentry and elders before me, as I am determined that if any man has been improperly induced to give his land away under its value I won't accept the sale as valid.

(Enclosure No. 2 in the Colonial Secretary's Memorandum of the 15th January, 1900.)

The Acting Attorney-General:—I beg to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to provide for the summoning of Chinese before the Registrar General. This Bill is for the summoning of Chinese before the Registrar General to give information regarding any matter in which the Registrar General is directed by the Governor to enquire. The Registrar General should have power to summon before him any Chinese whom he desires to question upon any matter of importance connected with the New Territories and affecting the Chinese. At present there is no power for the Registrar General to compel the appearance before him of Chinese, and it is very desirable that he should have such power. I may mention, Sir, this Bill is framed upon similar lines to certain laws which are in operation in the Malay States. I understand from the Registrar General that it is necessary that he should have this power to summon Chinese before him, and that it would very much facilitate the government of the New Territories if such a measure as this is passed.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

The Honourable Dr. Ho Kai:—I do not intend to offer a strong opposition to the second reading of the Bill, but at the same time, Sir, I would wish to remind the Council that a Bill of this nature confers a very great power upon an official of the Government—a power which, in some respects, is not possessed even by His Excellency the Governor or by the Chief Justice. As the Bill we have before us contains certain provisions expressly affecting the Chinese, and the Chinese alone, whether British subject or otherwise—and this makes the Bill very much more objectionable—it may be considered as class legislation, and as a general rule the Legislature regard such legislation with a great deal of disapproval and suspicion. In the present instance, I must say that in dealing with the affairs of the New Territory it may be necessary for the Registrar General to possess such power in order effectively to carry out his functions, and for that reason I and my Honourable colleagues who represent with me the Chinese have thought it wise not to offer any strong opposition. Of course, we are quite prepared to sacrifice a certain amount of our liberty with the object of helping the Government to carry out their policy for the good of the Chinese inhabitants of the New Territory, but at the same time I would ask you to consider the fact that the Bill, if passed, would give instructions, and that such instructions, if not carried out, would be a serious matter. I think it is only right that a measure of this kind should be allowed to continue for a very long time. I think it will meet the circumstances of the case if this Ordinance is allowed to be in operation for 12 months or a definite period, and at the end of that period it may be renewed from year to year if considered necessary. Of course the New Territory in its present condition requires special legislation, but by and by when it has become enlightened and prosperous like Hongkong, I see no reason why it should not be brought under the same laws as Hongkong. In an old Ordinance passed for the protection of women and children we have a provision is renewed from year to year, and in this case in committee I shall move that a clause be inserted limiting the operation of the measure to 12 months, at the end of which time it may be renewed if necessary.

The Honourable Wei A Yuh:—I have much pleasure in endorsing the observations which have fallen from the Honourable Member.

His Excellency the Governor:—I think the observations of the Honourable Members who have just spoken are very much to the point and that the Chinese people in the New Territory should have some idea why this Bill is introduced by the Government at the present time. The condition of the New Territory is peculiar. The Chinese do not understand our ways, and we desire—I desire most heartily—to interfere with the Chinese and their customs as little as possible, but it is absolutely necessary that land in the New Territory should be registered. Of course, all members of the Council know that, in the interests of the Chinese themselves, it should be registered; which I hope will be removed in the course of time. The Chinese have not been for some time as anxious to register their land as they might be, and for a considerable time we have found great difficulty in getting the Chinese to come forward and give any information about their land or about registration. It then became necessary to approach the Chinese through their elders, their leaders, for the purpose of explaining why it was necessary that land should be registered. However, on more than one occasion when these Chinese elders had been invited to come in, they gave no attention whatever to the invitation. Such conduct under Chinese jurisdiction—refusing when invited by a high official to come in and assist him and give him information—would not have been tolerated for an instant. We do not propose to take the stringent measures which would have been taken had the people remained under Chinese jurisdiction, but we do wish to get the small fine in case they disobey the summons. As to the observations of the Honourable Gentleman, with reference to the supervision, so to speak, of the exercise of this power, the Honourable Member will see from the second clause that the Governor may at any time direct the Registrar General to enquire into and report as to any matter which is connected with the New Territories as defined by section 2 of the Ordinance No. 12 of 1899, if such matter exclusively concerns persons of Chinese race, whether British subject or otherwise. The Registrar General will only summon Chinese to come before him in certain cases into which he is directed by the Governor to enquire. Therefore, in no case can there be any action whatever without the direction of the Governor, and I think the Honourable Member will accept my assurance that the Ordinance will be carried out with every consideration for Chinese and with every anxiety on the part of the Government that we shall never be forced to bring the provisions of this Ordinance into operation at all. I think that when it is known that we have power to compel the attendance of those people who do not up to the present appear

anxious to come forward, the Chinese will yield gracefully to the necessity and come in when invited without our having to resort to this power. With reference to the suggestion of the Honourable Member that this Bill should have a duration clause, I think it is a very fair suggestion. I shall have no objection whatever to it. I hope that, in a short time, the necessity for any such Ordinance as this will disappear.

The Council then went into committee to consider the Bill clause by clause. On the suggestion of the Honourable Dr. Ho Kai, seconded by the Honourable Wei A Yuh, the following clause was added to the Bill:—“This Ordinance shall continue in operation for a period of two years from the coming into operation of this Ordinance, and for such further period or periods as may from time to time be determined by resolution of the Legislative Council.” The Bill passed through committee and the Council resumed.

(Enclosure No. 3 in the Colonial Secretary's Memorandum of the 15th January, 1900.)

English version

Chinese Proclamation issued by His Excellency Sir Henry Arthur Blake, Governor, &c. I, Sir Henry Arthur Blake, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, hereby inform you, the landowners in the New Territories, that an Officer will visit the sub-districts for the purpose of registering landowners on a date due notice of which will be given to you. All you who can show that you have had possession of landed property for some time must fill up a schedule in the following form:—

1. Name of title.
2. Nature of title.
3. Date of lease or grant (if any).
4. Number of years in occupation.
5. Description of land.
6. Dimensions of land.
7. Situation of land.

When these schedules are distributed to a village, any person who claims land as his property must fill up a schedule and bring it in person to the Visiting Officer, when he comes to the village in which such person resides; and the Officer will make an entry in the register that such person is the owner and will add such other particulars as may be necessary. A list of those who have been registered as landowners in the village and of their holdings will be posted in the village for seven days, and afterwards an extract of the entry of each holding will be made to be handed to the owner. But before it is handed to the owner he must pay the amount of Crown Rent fixed as due by him. If no Rent is paid, the land will be forfeited to the Government without fail. If there is any unsettled dispute about property, the name of the person in actual possession will be registered, and he must pay the Crown Rent, but an extract of an entry in the Register will not be issued until the Squatters' Board has ascertained that the person in possession is the legal owner and the Board's decision will be made to be issued to him, and he will be permitted to remain in possession. But should the Board decide that the property is really not his property, the Crown Rent paid by him will be refunded, and the person who is adjudged by the Board to be the person who should pay the rent and who is approved as such by me, must forthwith pay the rent due. All you owners of land must report all the land in your possession. Should it be found at any time that any land owned by any person has not been reported, it will be treated as Government land. A survey will shortly be made of the whole of the Leased Territory, so that the boundaries of the various holdings may be clearly known; and any cases of neglect to report on the part of owners of land will be easily discovered, and will involve forfeiture of the property to Government. Do not say that I have not warned you. The Crown Rent including all charges fixed for the present is given below. You must all without exception obey. Do not be disobedient. A special proclamation:—

- (i) For land draining in a Southernly direction to the sea between Lyemum Point on the East and the Pier in the bay West of Lai Chi Kok on the West per half mau or portion thereof as follows:—  
(a) For First class land 25 cents, or at the rate of \$3.30 per acre per annum.  
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(c) For Third class land 10 cents, or at the rate of \$1.32 per acre per annum.
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(b) Second class land 10 cents, or at the rate of \$1.32 per acre per annum.  
(c) Third class land 5 cents, or at the rate of 66 cents per acre per annum.

The above scale of Crown Rent may be altered. When the survey has been completed permanent certificates of titles will be issued. If anyone has been forcibly deprived of his land or been fraudulently induced to sell land at a low price, he may present a petition to the District Officer if he lives North of the Kowloon range of hills, or if he lives South of it to the Registrar General or the Visiting Officer, to be forwarded to the Squatters' Board for enquiry. Dated 12th day of July, 1899.

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Hongkong, 14th February, 1900. [205b]

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Hongkong, 16th February, 1900. [218b]

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Hongkong, 10th February, 1900. [181b]

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Hongkong, 2nd February, 1900. [138b]

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Hongkong, 10th February, 1900. [182b]

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Kirkwood, Mr. Whaley, Mr. and Mrs. J. G.  
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Lagatt, Mr. E. C. Wild, Mr. and Mrs.  
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Miller, Miss Carolina Volpicelli, Consul  
Miller, Miss Julia Volpicelli, Madame  
Penny, Miss Wright, Mrs.

## EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 19th February.  
ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer 1/11 1/2  
Bank Bills, on demand 1/11 1/2  
Credits, 4 months sight 1/11 1/2  
D'iments, 4 months sight 1/11 1/2  
ON BURLIN, Bank Bills, on demand 2/44  
Credits, 4 months sight 2/44  
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand 4/2  
Credits, 30 days sight 4/2  
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer 1/44  
On demand 1/44  
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer 7/2  
Private, 30 days sight 7/2  
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T. 1/4 per cent. prem.  
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate 1/4 1/2  
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael 33 1/2  
Bar Silver 27 1/2  
Dollars 1/4 per cent. prem.

## OPIMUM QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong, 19th February.  
New Patna 965 per chest.  
New Benares 1000  
New Malwa 970/980  
Old Malwa 970/980  
Persian, Oily, cash 940  
Persian, paper tied 860/865

## The Share Market.

## LATEST QUOTATIONS.

(February 19th.)

| Companies.  | Paid up Capital. | Latest quotation. |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Banks.</b>   |                  |                   |
| Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation                       | \$125            | 314 3/4 premium   |
| The Bank of China & Japan, Limited (Preference)               | £ 5              | Nominal           |
| The Bank of China & Japan, Limited (Ordinary)                 | £ 4              | £1 buyers         |
| The Bank of China (Deferred)                                  | £ 1              | £5 buyers         |
| National Bank of China, Ltd.                                  | £ 8              | \$26              |
| Do. Founders.   | £ 1              | \$20              |
| <b>Marine Insurance.</b>                                      |                  |                   |
| Union Ins. Society of Canton, Ltd.                            | \$ 50            | \$235             |
| China Traders' Ins. Co., Ltd.                                 | \$ 25            | \$56              |
| North China Ins. Co., Ltd.                                    | £ 25             | Tls. 180          |
| Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.                                      | \$ 60            | \$120             |
| Canton Ins. Office.   | \$ 50            | \$130             |
| Straits Ins. Co., Ltd.  | \$ 20            | \$2               |
| <b>Fire Insurance.</b>  |                  |                   |
| Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.                                  | \$ 50            | \$350             |
| China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.                                     | \$ 20            | \$89              |
| <b>Shipping.</b>  |                  |                   |
| Hongkong, Canton, & Swatow Steamship Co., Ltd.                | \$ 15            | \$29              |
| Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.                         | £ 10             | \$87              |
| China & Manila S.S. Co., Ltd.                                 | \$ 50            | \$100             |
| Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.                                   | \$ 50            | \$49              |
| China Mutual S.S. Co., Ltd. (Preference)                      | £ 10             | £1010 buyers      |
| China Mutual S.S. Co., Ltd. (Ordinary)                        | £ 10             | £1010             |
| China Mutual S.S. Co., Ltd. (Deferred)                        | £ 5              | £5                |
| Star Ferry Co., Ltd. ("Shell" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.)  | £100             | £250              |
| <b>Railways.</b>  |                  |                   |
| China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.                                | \$100            | \$13              |
| Luen Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.                                 | \$100            | \$47              |
| <b>Mining.</b>  |                  |                   |
| Punjab Mining Co., Ltd.                                       | \$ 6             | \$6               |
| Punjab Mining Preference Shares                               | \$ 1             | \$130             |
| Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin                  | Fcs. 250         | \$10              |
| Queen Mines, Ltd.   | 25 cts.          | \$047             |
| Jehon Mining and Trading Co., Ltd.                            | \$ 5             | \$13              |
| Rainbow Mining Co., Ltd.                                      | 15s. 10d.        | \$63              |
| Oliver's Freehold Mines, Ltd. A                               | \$ 5             | \$5               |
| Oliver's Freehold Mines, Ltd. B                               | \$ 4             | \$470             |
| Great Eastern & Caledonian Gold Mining Co., Ltd. (Preference) | \$ 5             | \$5               |
| Do. (Ordinary)  | \$ 1             | \$040             |
| <b>Docks, Wharves and Godowns.</b>                            |                  |                   |
| Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.                             | \$125            | 550 3/4 premium   |
| Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.                 | \$ 50            | \$87              |
| Wanchai Warehouse & Storage Co., Ltd.                         | \$ 57            | \$43              |
| New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.                                       | \$ 64            | \$104             |
| <b>Land, Hotels and Buildings.</b>                            |                  |                   |
| China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.                     | \$ 10            | \$935             |
| Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.                   | \$ 50            | \$122             |
| Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.                           | \$ 30            | \$26              |
| West Point Building Co., Ltd.                                 | \$ 50            | \$41              |
| Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.                                      | \$ 50            | \$120             |
| Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.                         | \$ 10            | \$91              |
| <b>Cotton Mills.</b>  |                  |                   |
| Hongkong Cotton Spinning & Dyeing Co., Ltd.                   | \$100            | \$38              |
| Two Cotton Spinning & W. Co., Ltd.                            | Tls. 100         | Tls. 60           |
| International Cotton Mfg. Co., Ltd.                           | Tls. 100         | Tls. 67           |
| Lau-kaung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.             | Tls. 100         | Tls. 74           |
| Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.                            | Tls. 500         | Tls. 375          |
| Yahloong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.                            | Tls. 100         | Tls. 54           |
| <b>Miscellaneous.</b>   |                  |                   |
| Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.                                 | \$ 10            | \$28              |
| China-Borneo Co., Ltd.  | \$ 15            | \$16              |
| A. S. Watson & Co., Limited                                   | \$ 10            | \$16              |
| Watkins, Limited  | \$ 10            | \$101             |
| Hongkong Electric Co., Limited                                | \$ 10            | \$12              |
| Hongkong Electric Co., Limited                                | \$ 2             | \$215             |
| Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd.                              | £ 10             | \$135             |
| Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.                         | \$ 50            | \$350             |
| Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd.                                      | \$ 25            | \$51              |
| Hk'ong Ice Co., Ltd.  | \$ 25            | \$167             |
| International Tramways Co., Ltd.                              | \$100            | \$155             |
| Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.  | \$ 6             | \$6               |
| Hongkong and China Bakery Co., Ltd.                           | \$ 50            | \$25              |
| Campbell, Moore and Co., Ltd.                                 | \$ 10            | \$16              |
| Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.                          | £ 1              | £1 nominal        |
| United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.                         | \$ 4             | \$4               |
| United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.                         | \$ 10            | \$10              |
| Carmichael & Co., Ltd.  | \$ 20            | \$8               |
| Tebrau Planting Co., Ltd.                                     | \$ 5             | \$5               |
| Tebrau Planting Co., Ltd.                                     | \$ 4             | \$4               |

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## VESSELS IN PORT.

## Steamers.

AMIGO, German steamer, 771, J. Bendixen  
13th Feb.—Hoilow 12th Feb. Rice—  
Jensen & Co.  
ANPING, Chinese steamer, 1,158, H. Barlow,  
13th Feb.—Canton 14th Feb. General—  
C. M. S. N. Co.  
APENRIDE, German steamer, 661, A. Bendixen,  
17th Feb.—Saigon 12th Feb. Rice—  
Jensen & Co.  
ATAGOSAN MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,253, T.  
Tasaka, 15th Feb.—Saigon 10th Feb.  
Rice and Paddy—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.  
BENLAVERS, British str., 1,484, A. Webster,  
15th Feb.—Java 4th Feb. Sugar—Gibb,  
Livingston & Co.  
BENLAW, British steamer, 2,165, R. W.  
Thomson, 14th Feb.—Mojoi 9th Feb. Coal—  
Gibb, Livingston & Co.  
BORMIDA, Italian steamer, 1,099, G. Sartorio,  
17th Feb.—Singapore 9th Feb. General—  
Carlowitz & Co.  
CEREDA, British steamer, 1,603, L. Johnson,  
12th Feb.—Singapore 2nd Feb. Case Oil—  
Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
CHOWTAT, British steamer, 1,100, J. A. Morris,  
15th Feb.—Saigon 9th Feb. Rice—  
Butterfield & Swire.  
DAPINE, German steamer, 1,292, Th. Nissen,  
14th Feb.—Kutchinot 24th Dec. Coal—  
Siemssen & Co.  
DECIMA, German steamer, 965, Christiansen,  
13th Feb.—Saigon 7th Feb. Rice—  
Sander, Wieler & Co.  
DENBISHIRE, British steamer, 2,448, H. N.  
Vyvyan, 17th Feb.—London 20th Dec.  
and Singapore 10th Feb. General—  
Shewan, Tomes & Co.  
GERMANIA, German steamer, 1,774, A. Miller,  
10th Feb.—Java 30th Jan. Sugar—Jensen  
& Co.  
GRIN, Russian steamer, 891, O. Rowsell, 16th  
Feb.—Manila 13th Feb. General—Order  
GLENTWORTH, British steamer, 3,026, R. W.  
Webster, 14th Feb.—London via Singapore  
7th Feb. General and H.M.S. Robin.  
McGregor Bros. & Gow.  
HERMES, Norwegian steamer, 819, J. C. Jensen,  
16th Feb.—Saigon 11th Feb. Rice—  
Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
HONGKONG, French steamer, 739, Bastian,  
27th Dec.—Haiphong and Hoilow 5th  
Dec. General—A. R. Mary.  
HONGKONG, Japanese steamer, 3,355,  
W. E. Filmer, 12th Feb.—San Francisco  
16th Jan. via Honolulu 12nd, Yokohama  
4th Feb. Kobe 5th, Nagasaki 7th, and  
Shanghai 10th, Mail and General—J. S.  
Van Buren.  
KONG RANG, British steamer, 862, F. W.  
Jeslin, 12th Feb.—Saigon 7th Feb. Rice  
and Paddy—Butterfield & Swire.  
KUMSANG, British steamer, 2,078, G. Payne,  
14th Feb.—Singapore 7th Feb. General—  
Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
MACDUFF, British steamer, 1,882, R. Glegg,  
13th Feb.—Saigon 8th Feb. Rice—  
Doddwell & Co., Ltd.  
MEFOO, Chinese steamer, 1,330, Frigate, 17th  
Feb.—Canton 17th Feb. General—C. M.  
S. N. Co.  
MENMUIR, British steamer, 1,080, S. I. George,  
6th Dec.—Sourabaya and Cheribon 25th  
Nov. Sugar—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
MONCKUT, British steamer, 859, N. G. Maier,  
16th Feb.—Bangkok via Koh-si-chang 6th  
Feb. General—Butterfield & Swire.  
NANYANG, German steamer, 983, Th. Lehmann,  
17th Feb.—Saigon 12th Feb. Rice—  
Siemssen & Co.  
PROSPER, Norwegian steamer, 789, Thorsten-  
sen, 3rd Feb.—Sourabaya 23rd Jan.  
Sugar—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.  
RELIEF, American transport, 3,000, Frank  
Harding, 13th Feb.—Manila 10th Feb.  
TAKSANG, British steamer, 977, Albert Smith,  
16th Feb.—Bangkok 9th Feb. General—  
Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
VICTORIA, American steamer, 1,992, John  
Panton, 29th Jan.—Manila 26th Jan.  
Ballast—Doddwell & Co., Ltd.  
WINGSANG, British steamer, 1,177, T. H. Sellar,  
17th Feb.—Shanghai and Swatow 16th  
Feb. General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
YEDO MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,068, S. Saito,  
16th Feb.—Mojoi 10th Feb. Coal—Wing  
Tai Loong.

## Sailing Vessels.

ALLESTON, British ship, 1,935, Toye, 31st Jan.  
—Cardiff 8th Sept. Coal—Admiralty.  
BRODERICK CASTLE, British ship, 1,745, O.  
Olsen, 29th Jan.—New York 24th Aug.  
Case Oil—Standard Oil Co.  
EMILY REED, American ship, 1,460, D. C.  
Nickolas, 1st Feb.—Singapore 11th Dec.  
Petroleum—Standard Oil Co.  
ISAAC REED, American ship, 1,857, Watts, 8th  
Feb.—New York 16th Aug. Kerosine Oil  
—Standard Oil Co.  
TRAFALGAR, British 4-masted bark, 1,616, M.  
S. Wright, 26th Dec.—Hongkong 15th Dec.  
Ballast—Sander, Wieler & Co.  
WARATAH, British schooner, 25, Haynes, 23rd  
Sept.—Takow 15th Sept. Ballast—Mr. F.  
W. Hall.

HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS  
ON THE CHINA STATION.

Hongkong, February 19th, 1900.  
Alacrity, despatch vessel, 1,700 tons, 10 1/2 p.d.  
g.f. guns, 3,000 i.h.p., Commander A. H.  
Smith-Dorrien, Hongkong.  
Algerine, sloop, 1,050 tons, 6 guns, 1,100 i.h.p.,  
Comdr. E. J. W. Slade, Hongkong.  
Aurora, British cruiser, 5,600 tons, Capt. R. H.  
Baily, Hongkong.  
Bungara, 1st class battleship, 13,000 tons, 12  
guns, 13,163 i.h.p., Captain Hon. S. C. J.  
Colville, C.B., en route Wei-hai-wei.  
Bonaventure, 2nd class cruiser, 4,500 tons, 18  
guns, 9,000 i.h.p., Capt. R. H. J. Mont-  
gomery, C.B., R.N., Shanghai.  
Britic, British cruiser, 1,770 tons, 6 guns, 1,610  
h.p., Capt. B. S. Vrey, Hongkong.  
Centurion, British battleship, 10,500 tons, 14 guns,  
9,000 h.p., Capt. J. R. Jellicoe, Hongkong.  
Daphne, sloop, 1,200 tons, 2 guns, 2,000 i.h.p.,  
Comdr. C. W. Wingington-Ingram, Hankow.  
Endymion, British cruiser, 3,350 tons, Capt. G.  
A. Callaghan, Wei-hai-wei.  
Eyl, coast defence gunboat, 365 tons, 3 guns,  
200 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. C. Chadwick,  
Funchang.  
Fang, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360  
tons, 10 1/2 i.h.p., Lieut.-Com. W. J. Keyes,  
Hongkong.  
Finsbury, 3rd class gunboat, 455 tons, 4 guns,  
360 h.p., Hongkong.  
Humbly, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 26  
tons, 6 guns, 4,000 i.h.p., Hongkong.  
Hart, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 250  
tons, 6 guns, 1,000 i.h.p., Hongkong.  
Humber, storeship, 1,340 tons, 800 h.p., Com.  
H. J. Davidson, Hongkong.  
Iphigeneia, 2nd class cruiser, 3,600 tons, 8  
guns, 7,000 i.h.p., Capt. H. N. Dudding,  
Singapore.  
Linnah, gun-vessel, 750 tons, 2 heavy guns, 4  
6-pounders, 200 h.p., Commander W. V.  
Smythe, Wuchow.  
Orlando, British cruiser, 5,600 tons, Capt. J. H.  
Burke, Manila.

Peacock, 1st class gunboat, 775 tons, 6 guns  
1,200 i.h.p., Lieut. Comdr. S. G. Douglas,  
Shanghai.  
Phaeta, British gunboat, 1,015 tons, Comdr.  
Cochran, Hongkong.  
Pigmy, 1st class gunboat, 750 tons, 6 guns,  
1,200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. J. F. E. Green,  
Hongkong.  
Plover, 1st class gunboat, 453 tons, 6 guns,  
1,200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. C. V. de M.  
Cowan, Manila.  
Redpoll, British gunboat, 805 tons, Capt. F. F.  
Haworth, Shanghai.  
Sandpiper, British river gunboat, 2 guns, Lt.  
Comdr. Carr, on the West River.  
Swift, gun-vessel, 756 tons, 2 heavy guns, 4  
6-pounders, 870 i.h.p., Hongkong.  
Tamar, receiving ship, 4,600 tons, Comdr.  
Powell, Hongkong.  
Tweed, coast defence gunboat, 363 tons, 3  
guns, 200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. H. E. Hill-  
man, on the West River.  
Undaunted, 1st class cruiser, 5,600 tons, 12  
guns, 8,500 i.h.p., Capt. A. C. Clarke,  
Hongkong.  
Victorious, British battleship, 14,900 tons, 32  
guns, 15,000 i.h.p., Captain A. Schomberg,  
Hongkong.  
Waterwitch, surveying vessel, 620 tons, Com-  
mander W. P. Dawson, Hongkong.  
Whiting, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer,  
360 tons, 6,000 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. E.  
Kelly, Hongkong.  
Wivern, coast defence ship, 2,750 tons, 4 guns,  
1,000 i.h.p., Hongkong.  
Woodcock, British gunboat, 2 guns, 500 h.p.,  
Lieut.-Comdr. Watson, on the Yangtze.  
Woodward, British gunboat, 2 guns, 550 h.p.,  
Lieut.-Comdr. R. A. Norton, on the Yangtze.  
Torpedo boats in Reserve Nos. 8 and 20, 35,  
36, 37 and 38, first-class; and 3 second-class  
boats.

## Miscellaneous.

Liberal, Portuguese gunboat, 588 tons, Comdr.  
Cunha, Hongkong.  
Presidente Sarmentu, Argentine cruiser, 2,850  
tons, Capt. Hebeider, Manila.  
Valmy, Danish cruiser, 3,000 tons, Prince  
Valdemar, Shanghai.  
Zenit, Austrian cruiser, 4,500 tons, Captain  
Edward Thumann von Montalmar,  
Whampoa.

FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA  
AND JAPAN STATION.

## The Russian Squadron.

Admiral Korniloff, Russian armoured cruiser,  
5,000 tons, twin screw, 12 guns, 9,500 h.p.,  
Captain Jakovlev, at Nagasaki.  
Albatross, Russian gunboat, 810 tons, 8 guns, 1,200  
h.p., Captain El'kisky, at Nagasaki.  
Bobr, Russian gun-vessel, twin screw, 950 tons,  
13 guns, 1,550 h.p., Captain Dobrovolsky,  
at Nagasaki.  
Dimitri Donskoi, Russian armoured cruiser,  
5,200 tons, twin screw, 12 guns, 7,000 h.p.,  
Comdr. Sharen, at Nagasaki.  
Gaidamak, Russian gunboat, 400 tons, twin  
screw, 12 guns, 3,500 h.p., Capt. Serber-  
nitski, at Nagasaki.  
Gremashchik, Russian armoured cruiser, 1,492  
tons, twin screw, 12 guns, 2,000 h.p., Capt.  
Mikhal'skiy, at Nagasaki.  
Koryevsk, Russian cruiser, 1,200 tons, 9 guns,  
2,150 h.p., Capt. Sillmann, at Nagasaki.  
Mandarin, Russian cruiser, 1,215 tons, twin  
screw, 14 guns, 1,500 h.p., Capt. Yakovlev,  
at Nagasaki.  
Nasurin, Russian battleship, 10,000 tons, 10  
guns, 10,000 h.p., Capt. Yenish, at Nagasaki.  
Nayadnoff, Russian cruiser, 1,334 tons, 14 guns,  
1,800 h.p., Capt. Zarine, at Nagasaki.  
Otaevy, Russian armoured cruiser, 1,490 tons,  
twin screw, 12 guns, 2,000 h.p., Captain  
Copriano, at Nagasaki.  
Rossia, Russian armoured cruiser, 1,220 tons,  
22 guns, 14,500 h.p., Capt. Domogirov, at  
Nagasaki.  
Rozhynsk, Russian cruiser, 1,330 tons, Capt.  
Korniloff, at Hongkong.  
Rurik, Russian flag-ship, 10,940 tons, armoured  
twin screw cruiser, 1st class, 48 guns,  
13,500 h.p., Capt. Haupt, at Nagasaki.  
Silchik, Russian gunboat, 4 guns, 1,200 h.p.,  
Capt. Baranoff, at Nagasaki.  
Sizoi Veliky, Russian battleship, 10,000 tons,  
14 guns, 8,500 i.h.p., Capt. Molias, at Na-  
gasaki.  
Sivuchik, Russian gunboat, 950 tons, twin  
screw 13 guns, 1,200 h.p., Capt. Spibant,  
at Nagasaki.  
Vladimir Monakhov, Russian cruiser, 6,000  
tons, 16 guns, Prince Ouchtomsky, at  
Nagasaki.  
Vostok, Russian torpedo gunboat, 4 guns, 650  
h.p., Com. Molchousky, at Nagasaki.  
Vladnik, Russian torpedo boat, 400 tons, 12  
guns, twin screw, 1,500 h.p., Capt. Rogulina,  
at Nagasaki.  
Zabuka, Russian cruiser, 1,234 tons, 10 guns,  
2,000 h.p., Capt. Shkuff, at Nagasaki.  
(1st and 2nd class.)

RUSSIAN TORPEDO FLOTILLA.  
(SEA GOING).

Borgo, 1st class, Russian torpedo boat, 61 tons,  
3 guns, 2 torp tubes 1,100 h.p., speed 21  
knots.  
Revel, 1st class, Russian torpedo boat, 66 tons,  
3 guns, 2 torp tubes 800 h.p., speed 21 knots.  
Usuri, Russian torpedo boat, 140 tons, 4 guns,  
1,800 h.p., 22 knots.  
† Flagship of Vice-Admiral Alexieff.  
† Flagship of Rear-Admiral F. V. Dubossioff.  
† Flagship of Rear-Admiral Reouloff.

## THE FRENCH SQUADRON.

Bengali, 2nd class dispatch boat, Lt.-Comdr.  
De la Croix de Castries, at Haiphong.  
D'Entrecasteaux, 1st class cruiser, 8,174  
tons, 25 guns, 13,500 i.h.p., Capt. de  
Marolles, at Saigon.  
Desaix, 2nd class protected cruiser, 4,000  
tons, 36 guns 651 h.p., Captain Philibert,  
at Kwang-chow-wan.  
Eure, Dispatch-transport, Capt. Vallée, at  
Saigon.  
Jean Baril, 1st class cruiser, 4,500 tons, 10 guns,  
8,000 i.h.p., Capt. Aubin, at Kwang-chow-  
wan.  
Kersant, 3rd class cruiser, 1,243 tons, 13  
guns, 2,200 i.h.p., Capt. de la Motte du  
Perrail, at Saigon.

Lion, gunboat, 473 tons, 8 guns, 576 h.p., Capt.  
Amet, at Kwang-chow-wan.  
Pascual, 2nd class protected cruiser, 4,000 tons,  
16 guns, 9,000 i.h.p., Capt. M. Mote, en  
route Tientsin.  
Surprise, gunboat, 627 tons, 10 guns, 860 i.h.p.,  
Capt. Morier, at Saigon.  
\* Flagship of Vice-Admiral Courtejoles.

## THE GERMAN SQUADRON.

Gefion, German cruiser, 4,300 tons, 25 guns,  
9,000 h.p., Capt. Rollmann, Manila.  
Hansa, German cruiser, 6,400 tons, Capt. Pohl,  
at Singapore.  
Hertha, German cruiser, 6,000 tons, Capt. S. v.  
Ueedom, Singapore.  
Ilia, German gunboat, 1,000 tons, 10 guns,  
1,600 h.p., Capt. H. H. Lans, at Hongkong.  
Irene, German cruiser, 4,400 tons, 22 guns,  
8,000 h.p., Capt. Obentheimer, at Nagasaki.  
Jaguar, German cruiser, Captain Kindeling,  
at Shanghai.  
Kaiserin Augusta, German cruiser, 6,000 tons,  
12 guns, 13,010 i.h.p., Captain Gulich, at  
Shanghai.  
\* Flagship of Admiral Fritze.

## THE AMERICAN SQUADRON.

Baltimore, Flagship, U.S. cruiser, 4,413 tons,  
10 guns, 10,064 h.p., Capt. J. M. Forsyth,  
at Hongkong.  
Bennington, U.S. gunboat, 1